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'Spain Is Nazi Breeding Ground Of Next World War'

FRANC MUST QUIT! STALIN's Men Can BOAST FOR BIG 3 TALK

A.T.S. SAY: 'WE'LL HOLD OUR OWN!'

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

FRANC'S REGIME IN SPAIN MUST BE ENDED! THE SOVIET, ALMOST WITHOUT WARNING, HAVE SPRUNG THIS SURPRISE DEMAND ON THE ALLIES ON THE EVE OF THE BIG THREE CONFERENCE OPENING IN BERLIN TOMORROW.

This Russian attitude to Spain has become crystallised since the Soviet demand for a place in the Anglo-U.S.-French talks on Tangier.

To understand the implications of this new turn of events, a short resume of the recent relations between the two countries is necessary.

Trouble began in the Spanish civil war when Republican Spain was crushed under the weight of Nazi and Fascist armaments supplied to Franco.

Moscow maintains, and claims to be able to prove, that since then Franco's Spain has become notorious not only for its pro-Fascist deeds, many of which cost the Allies heavy losses in lives and lengthened the war but for its virulent anti-Soviet policy.

Insured Russian Press and Radio stations insist that even today Franco and his henchmen are using every means to sow trouble between Russia and her Western allies; that, despite denials, France is harbouring German troops; that, despite denials, France is harbouring German troops; that, despite denials, France is harbouring German troops.

In other words, that Nazi-Fascist Spain is planning to put the plan into effect to make Spain the European centre and rallying point for the come-back of Nazi Germany which would automatically mean World War III.

Summed up, Russia wants the removal of the whole Franco regime now.

As I read the international European press abroad, the Russian position is being consolidated to prevent any attempt (however distant it may be) to appear on the board which threatens the safety of the gains the Soviet people have fought so hard to win.

While I understand that neither Mr. Churchill nor President Truman will quarrel with the Soviet Union on any justifiable method of eliminating Nazi-Fascist Spain, the Russian position is being consolidated to prevent any attempt (however distant it may be) to appear on the board which threatens the safety of the gains the Soviet people have fought so hard to win.

Meanwhile, there is a suggestion circulating widely in the diplomatic circles in Paris that France will announce his resignation to the Russian Council on Wednesday, thus paving the way for a re-election of the Monarch.

France's resignation, says one Paris correspondent, will be the result of his conviction that under his leadership Spain will be kept more or less isolated by the Germans.

To place each item on the Iberian agenda in its proper perspective and to fit it in with the whole design for peace—that is what makes this week's meeting so difficult and delicate.

It is also a matter of note of warning not to expect that it will be carried through without incident, many "what-ifs" are in the air.

There will have to be give and take on all sides.

Another problem raised by Russia which the demand presents at the Berlin Conference. It concerns the sudden twist taken by the Russo-Turkish alliance for a new pact of friendship.

Apart from other demands, it is now no secret in diplomatic circles that Russia has insisted on a complete revision of the Montreux agreement which gave the Soviet right of way through the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles. These waters are as strategically important to the Soviet Union as the eastern Mediterranean as the Straits of Gibraltar in the west.

As far as I can ascertain, the Soviet minimum demands are: (1) a base or bases along the Bosphorus; (2) a realignment of the Russo-Turkish alliance to allow Bulgaria to a Greek port; (3) similar Soviet rights in the Black Sea ports which may be Alexandria or Suez.

Big New X-Word Competition

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Berlin Meeting

Churchill Expected Today

From EDWARD CONNOLLY, Ex-Telegraph Special Correspondent

Berlin Saturday.

Mr. Churchill is expected to arrive here tomorrow.

His plane will land at Berlin airport, which is closely guarded and is out of bounds to all except holders of passes.

Everything possible is being done to shroud in secrecy the arrival of the Prime Minister and his party.

Even war correspondents are barred from the airport area and the large "compound" where the Big Three will live and conduct their talks.

Among those assisting in the administrative work are 100 A.T.S. They are made a wireless compound with their own troops.

They have to be in by 10 p.m.

Mr. Churchill's plane for Berlin is ready at Bordeaux, says a Beiter message from St. Jean de Luz, a staff officer in the city.

Today the Premier is resting.

President Truman Met By Warships

From Reuter's Special Correspondent

Aboard the cruiser Augusta, Saturday.

Seven British warships loomed up out of the mid-shrouded English Channel today to escort President Truman's "two cruiser task force" to Africa.

President Truman was on Augusta bridge as the British cruiser Augusta, Saturday.

Admiral Cunningham Graham on the British cruiser Augusta, Saturday.

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The destroyers took their places, the coast guard of the American cruises, while the Birmingham went in front to lead the task force past Land's End and the cliffs of Dover.

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When he arrives, Antwerp, President Truman will motor to Brussels to take off in a "Flying White House" for Berlin.

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And their job is seeing Nazi P.O.W.'s back to their cage.



Guns Demolish Steelworks U.S. Battleships Bombard Japan

Pacific Advanced H.Q., Guam, Saturday.

THREE American 35,000-ton battleships, supported by heavy cruisers and destroyers, today carried out the first bombardment in history by heavy surface craft of the Japanese mainland.

Though they stood only a few miles offshore and pumped shells for two hours into an important iron and steel manufacturing centre, not a single Japanese plane came up to challenge them.

Their target was the port of Kamaishi, 275 miles north-east of Tokyo.

Commanded from Admiral Nimitz announced that the naval guns demolished the steel mill of the Imperial Iron and Steel Works, smashed blast-furnaces and heavily all the coke ovens, which were burning fiercely.

The entire Kamaishi area, the announcement added, "is covered by dense smoke rising from the blast-furnaces."

The bombardment was carried out in stormy weather and poor visibility.

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Clerk Jailed For Postal Thefts

STOLE CASH TO INVEST!

OVER a period of 18 months a nineteen-year-old Lerwick postal clerk stole over £1,000 from registered packets, most of which he invested or banked.

This was disclosed at Lerwick yesterday, when the clerk, John William Johnson, who had been employed at the local post office, was jailed for 18 months.

Johnson had been in charge of registered letters.

He pleaded guilty to stealing articles, £1,011 12s. 6d. in cash and 861 clothing coupons, in his banking account. Johnson was stated, had loaned £246.

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Non-Frat' is no more. Human nature won't have a victory over war

At 6 p.m. D.B.S.T. precisely tonight. On the orders of Allied commanders the ban was lifted on non-fraternisation in Austria and the British and U.S. zones of occupation in Germany, thus bringing them into line with Russian policy in the Soviet-controlled zone.

BRITISH troops tonight were talking and walking out with attractive German girls—many of whom they had been meeting secretly in the woods for weeks past—with the blessing of the British Army.

The word spread like wildfire among the troops that 6 p.m. was 'Fraternisation Hour' under an order releasing the ban on non-fraternisation issued by Field-Marshal Montgomery.

One British sergeant, who wasn't keen to give his name, said: "It clears the air. Now I am able to walk out with this girl, whom I have been meeting secretly for the last three weeks and to whom I am very much attached."

None of the A.T.S. girls with whom these officers were talking lifted thought that the new development was likely to affect them, although a few said that if the men went out with females the A.T.S. might go out with Germans—(I asked).

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AFTER PARTING

'Stole Wife's Jewels' Charge

ON a charge of stealing jewellery valued £1,390 from his wife, Gerald Leppan, thirty-four, of Ouslow-gardens, South Kensington, was, at Woking yesterday, sent for trial at Middlesex Sessions. He pleaded not guilty.

It was alleged that Leppan left his wife in October, 1943. She received a letter from an Old Bond-st. jeweller addressed to her husband asking him for a clip belonging to a diamond brooch.

Mrs. Leppan said in evidence that after the death of his father her husband's income was almost halved. He began to gamble to try to make up the deficiency in his income.

It was stated that Leppan surrendered at Woking.

COMFORTS STILL NEEDED

THE end of the war in Europe has not lessened the need for knitted woolen comforts for the RAF.

The Royal Air Force is to play its full part in the defeat of Japan and the occupation of Europe, and the personnel of the RAF and WAAF will be stationed in the combat zones of the world in the coming winter.

In the Far East, Burma, India, Germany, the Middle East, and perhaps many more stations, the weather in winter can be bitterly cold, and a continual flow of knitted woolen garments of all kinds can make a tremendous difference to the morale and well-being of the RAF.

Cows On Sea Trip
Gave Milk to City
Hundreds of Plymouth people have had an unexpected addition to their milk ration yesterday when 60 gallons of fresh milk was distributed.

The milk was from dairy cattle on board an Irish boat on her way to Antwerp with 300 head of cattle for export.

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'Tubby's' Military 'Career' Seven Days In Khaki

HIS REWARD CALLED 'FELD-MARSHAL'S PAY'

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT



To show their gratitude for assistance which "saved the lives of many of the boys," 50 men from Staling 1st 3—where RAF officers were shot by the Germans—are staying their show. "Back Home," at the Stolt Theatre, London, with all profits to the International Red Cross.

28 Special Trains For Holidaymakers

BIGGER crowds than ever left London yesterday, the second hottest day of the year. It looked anything but holiday weather—there was an early morning thunderstorm and showers at intervals later—but Londoners were not deterred.

They jammed most of the main line railway stations, and they queued for the third Victory Train at London's over 20,000 strong—almost a record list.

Women fanned after the gates were closed and men sat in their shirt sleeves until the rain fell. Freed from the strict wartime ban the railway companies brought on "specials" in a minute into near-peace standards.

At Waterloo alone 28 extra trains were run—down for the West Country; eight for the Isle of Wight, and nine for Bournemouth. Officials believed that 200,000 people were handed out, not counting the 170,000 on the ordinary suburban lines.

Paddington had its famous "jacks" queue standing up one side of Euston-better, and down the other. Then it went round the corner into Craven-st. and so into Westminster.

Euston, with its very heavy outward traffic, had an additional complication—the arrival of thousands from the North and Scotland, who wanted to have their holiday in London.

Two freaks in the weather marked this day of St. Swithin. One was the 7.30 a.m. thunderstorm which swept over East London. Torrential rain put trolley buses out of action, and lightning struck the spire of St. Mary's Church, Whitechapel.

The other freak was the sun. Although today's temperature at four p.m. 83 degrees, was only three degrees below the record so far. May 12, the sun broke through the cloudy sky only fitfully.

Mines? Brighton Mystery

TWO large round objects, believed to be mines, were discovered half-buried in the sands on Brighton beach after the tide had receded yesterday morning. They are between two breakwaters just east of the Palace Pier.

Thousands of holiday-makers on the sea front eyed them from a safe distance, for about 100 yards of the beach had been roped off. Naval experts have been summoned to examine the objects. If they are mines they will be dismantled.

U-MEN AT 'GIB'

Thirty-nine men from a German U-boat, most of them youth, who had been interned at Cadix by the Spanish Government, arrived at Gibraltar last night in a British destroyer. An armed military escort took them to a military detention barracks.

It was learned yesterday that the Spanish Government would shortly hand over German submarines now interned in Cadix—Reuters.

Nature's Power Ray

A NEW attempt to probe the mysteries of the cosmic ray—believed to be Nature's most powerful ray—is to be made here soon.

A U.S. Liberator will fly for six hours at a height of 35,000 ft. collecting photographic evidence of the behaviour of these rays.

Southern India has special advantages for the study of this subject, as the most penetrating cosmic rays reach this region near the magnetic Equator.

The plane will carry a ton of scientific apparatus and several living organisms on which the effects of the rays will be observed.—Reuter.

LITTLE OLGA



THE military "career" of 15-stone Arthur Overman, of Virginia Water, is impressive for one outstanding reason—that seven days in khaki without doing a drill or handling a rifle brought him in cash and kind a reward almost equal to a field-marshal's pay.

Overman's entry into the Army, another example of the man-power muddle, and the seven idle yet eventful days he spent in the uniform of a private of the General Service Corps, make as deliciously humorous a story as any that has come out of the war.

He told me the story today in the office of the Staines haulage contractor for whom he works as a heavy lorry driver.

Overman got back home late one Sunday night early in April last from Liverpool after a fatiguing day. The following morning a policeman called at the house.

"I've come after you as an absentee," said the constable. "But I've had no call-up papers," replied Overman.

"Can't help that," said the law. "You're posted as an absentee for 14 months."

Solemnly the policeman read a statement, then announced that he would have to send a report to the Army authorities. After being in touch with the R.A.S.C. at Bury St. Edmunds, Overman's firm sent a letter to the Edinburgh Records Office suggesting that there had been a mistake. Records replied that there had been no mistake, and that Overman would be required to report for Army duty within the next fortnight.

So, five weeks after the policeman's call, Overman found himself in Broad, posted to the General Service Corps.

He arrived there on a Saturday. The following Monday morning "Tubby," as he was promptly christened, paraded in his last civilian clothes and uniform. But because he was "outsize" he had to wait 10 days before the regimental tailor could fit him with a uniform.

While he was waiting he was hanging round the camp. The medical officer gave him the once-over, pronounced him fit.

Then he was hauled before the C.O.'s charge of absolute fitness. The charge against him was dismissed. That was on his second Monday at the camp.

On the Tuesday they gave him his kit, but he did nothing. Wednesday was also laid away. On the fourth day he was given another medical and graded C1.

On the Friday, he appeared before the Selection Officer. He was told that he was being accepted for the purpose of fitting him into a job. On Sunday he was again before the Medical Officer. And on Monday he was down for a charge.

In the meantime, Overman had discovered that he was in a most peculiar "mole." One man next to him in the hut had been in the Army four years, and in that time had drawn two weeks' pay—in all.

This man had been in and out of Army and civilian jails. He had been always deserting, always absconding himself.

Another man in the outfit carried a pay book in which his trade or profession was described as burglar.

Tubby didn't do a drill during those seven days spent in khaki. Overman was being demobilised at York.

The Army was most kind. They gave him a fine suit of "civvies"—"the best suit I've ever had," says Tubby. And they provided him out of their goodness and out of the taxpayers' pocket with a shirt, shoes, socks, hat, raincoat, and 84 in cash.

They put him on eight weeks' leave with pay and allowances pending his discharge. They gave him coupons for sweets and cigarettes rationed during that period. And he came back to Virginia Water and resumed his life.

Yes, he got his reward for those seven "arduous" days in khaki. A civvy outfit worth at least £20, pay and allowances totalling nearly £20. And his wife gets nearly £12 in allowances, too.

Tubby looks back on it all with a grin. But he wonders just why he was called up when at the age of 40, he was engaged on essential work.

So Goats Flew In Year 500 B.C.

MEN had ideas about flying as far back as 500 B.C. In a book of solid Egyptian wisdom is a manuscript depicting King Kay Kaus, who reigned in Persia in that era, attempting the first flight in a car borne by flying goats.

The manuscript dates back to the early 17th century Persian school.

CHINA: MORE TALKS
After cordial talks with R. St. John and M. Molotov, Mr. C. V. Soong, Chinese Prime Minister, has returned to Chungking, says Reuter, but a second meeting is probable.

Smart Girl
A young girl, Olga, who was captured by the Germans during the occupation—Reuter.



No railway rush for him—but in a pool near London he just keeps paddlin' along.

Scotland Yard Gets Busy

NEW HUNT IN TWO MURDER RIDDLES

DETECTIVES working on two week-old murder mysteries began to follow up new clues yesterday.

Scores of men investigating the death of eighteen-year-old Vera Guest, found strangled with a scarf in a house in Dencroft-cres., Hillingdon, Middlesex, were sent to make inquiries in Derby, Nottingham and other cities.

Scotland Yard thinks that Ronald Bertram Mauri, thirty-two-year-old lorry driver, with a cast in the right eye and a scar on the right cheek, might be able to help.

A lorry driver, Mauri would know most of the roads in the country and the search has turned into a combing out of every conceivable district where the police might hope to learn something about his whereabouts.

SECRET MEETING?
Police investigating the murder of fourteen-year-old Daphne Jean Bacon, of Leiston, Suffolk, learned for the first time yesterday that the girl was near the scene of the crime four days before she was killed.

She was sent to deliver a note to a cottage near a military camp. Police believe she may then have arranged a secret meeting with somebody and that was keeping an appointment last Sunday afternoon when she was beaten to death in a rye field.

Green Fuller, a Leiston munition worker, said yesterday that while cycling near the rye field half an hour before Daphne's body was found, a shirt-sleeved soldier stepped out of a hedge.

She thought he was going to run in front of her, and when she shouted "Look out!" he went under cover again. He was carrying a thick stick.

A chaplain's words were "British soldier hit me with stick."

German Tried To Save Guardsman
When Guardsman Thomas Smedley, of Winton, near Bournemouth, fell out of a cage into the Rhine near Bad Godesberg, a German, Willie Steinfurt, dived into the river to try and rescue him.

The attempt failed, and Smedley, of the Coldstreamers, is now officially listed as missing and believed drowned.

Guardsman Kitchen, who was also in the cage, was not hurt. The canoe capsized when it hit a cable under the water, said a B.U.P. despatch.

Smedley, aged twenty-eight, had fought with the Guards Armoured Division from Normandy without getting a scratch.

German Hanged For Camp Murder
Two German prisoners of war were hanged at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, yesterday for the murder of a fellow prisoner in Camp Gerdonia in April.

On Tuesday, five German prisoners were hanged at Fort Leavenworth for murdering a fellow prisoner in a camp in Oklahoma.—Reuter.

Five Traitors Must Die
Park, Saturday
Five death sentences and 16 terms of imprisonment of five months to 20 years were passed today by the Nancy court on members of an organisation which helped the Germans during the occupation.—Reuter.

ARE YOU A LOSER?
Needless excesses paid on 13 per cent. of letters sent to the Liberation Army, most of them bearing 2d, instead of 1d, stamps.

KNOWLEDGE WAS HER QUEST

Husbands in Court:

MY wife's excuse for hitting me was that she wanted to satisfy herself she had the nerve to do it.

I don't care that my wife thinks of me since my mother-in-law has said she had never met a better man.

My wife is in a band, and when I saw with what gusto she beat the big drum my thoughts persisted in future scowling.

And Wives:
MY husband's excuse for drinking as he does is that he was brought up on the bottle.

I accept it that my husband doesn't wish to be unkempt to me when he says unpleasant things.

As we were passing a pretty woman and my husband smiled, he offered the excuse that he was smiling at his thought.

SMUTS FEARS NEW WAR

"I AM not one of those who believe that there will be no more war," said Gen. Smuts yesterday. "The utmost we can expect for a long time is that we may be able to reduce the risk... and surround it with dangers and difficulties."

He added: "The mistake we made 26 years ago was to trust all nations, great and small, on the same basis. Small dogs bark loudly, but they don't bite so ferociously."

He was speaking to South African soldiers in Egypt on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Indian Cabinet.

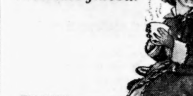
Reporting to the final session that the conference had failed because Congress and the Moslem League had been unable to reach agreement on the allocation of Cabinet seats, Lord Wavell said: "I wish to make it clear that the responsibility for the failure is mine. The main idea underlying the conference was mine. If it had succeeded, its success would have been attributed to me, and I cannot place the blame for its failure on any of the Parties."

STRANGE NEW FRUIT!
Children at West Herts. Hospital, Hemet, Herts., had to be coaxed by nurses before they would eat bananas—which were a new fruit to them.

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